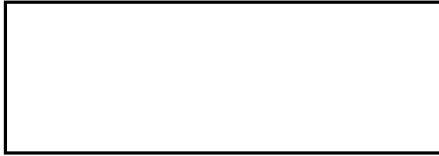


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MEMORANDUM FOR CIA MEMBER, USIB

SUBJECT : Review of Photographic Coverage and  
Exploitation of Photography on China

REFERENCES : a) USIB-D- 41. 14/275, 18 January 1966,  
Limited Distribution  
b) USIB -D- 41. 14/272, 16 November 1965

1. Reference (a) is the report of the ad hoc group which was established as a result of reference (b) to review the need for augmented high-resolution photographic coverage of Communist China in order to establish an adequate data base in the economic/industrial and military fields. This report has been placed on the USIB agenda for Thursday, January 27. I recommend that you request that this report not be discussed by USIB at its next meeting, but that it be remanded to the Working Group for further study, clarification and refining of its findings and recommendations.

2. You will recall that the DCI, following USIB discussion of the requirement for high-resolution coverage of certain targets which would contribute to the general intelligence data base on OB and economic/industrial complexes, announced that he was establishing an ad hoc study group under Dr. Cline to determine what needs, if any, exist for such coverage.

3. In my opinion, this report does not adequately address the problem as defined by the Working Group on pages 1 and 2 of the report. The discussion with relation to photography and its utilization is ambiguous. While it appears to argue for the need for additional high-resolution coverage of the industrial/economic and military OB targets, the findings skirt the issue and do not reflect what appears to be the thrust of the discussion.



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4. Specifically, I think that the report should be reworked to eliminate its present inconsistencies, and the findings then reworded to reflect more exactly the discussion. Finally, I feel that specific recommendations, rather than a general endorsement of efforts underway, should be formulated for USIB approval.

Major General, USAF  
Chairman, CCPC

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